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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit references C1-C2 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of these references are provided herewith. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Further, Applicants reserve the right to contest that any of these references is prior art against the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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